GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2652
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LPG AGENCIES IN MADHYA PRADESH AND BIHAR
PUNNULAL MOHALE;RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV);RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether Government have received proposals for the allotment of LPG agencies at Bilaspur District in Madhya Pradesh and Pakudh, Shekhpura and Lakhisarai districts of Bihar;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the number of LPG agencies is not proportionate to the demand and the population in the Danapuri and Patna districts of Bihar;

(d): if so, the facts in this regard;

(e): whether the advertisement for the opening of additional LPG agencies was earlier published and later on withdrawn;

(f): if so, the reasons therefor; (g): the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to open additional LPG agencies there; and (h): the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): At present there are 16 proposals for setting up LPG distributorships in district Bilaspur of Madhya Pradesh and one each at Pakur, Shekhpura and Lakhisarai districts of Bihar.
(c) to (h): To meet the current requirement of the LPG, there are 40 LPG distributorships in Patna district of Bihar including one at Danapur which is also a part of Patna district. Further oil companies have advertised 14 more LPG distributorships in district Patna to meet the increased demand of LPG.Locations advertised earlier were subsequently readvertised to give another opportunity to the eligible persons who could not avail the earlier opportunity. Dealer Selection Boardshave recently been dissolved. It generally takes about 6-12 months for commissioning of dealerships/ distributorships from the date of interview.